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HOUSE RESOLUTION 180  
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A RESOLUTION To recognize August 21, 2001 as Terra Murrell  
Day in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, One of the most devastating events that can strike a family is when a child is stricken with a terminal disease; when the disease runs its course over several years, the effect can levy a heavy toll on both the victim and family members; and

WHEREAS, When the victim and the family members are grounded in faith and possess great strength of character, the battle can be a source of great inspiration, regardless of the outcome; and

WHEREAS, At age 20, Terra Murrell lost her battle with cancer on July 1, 2001, following nine years of suffering and enduring every known treatment for her illness; she spent several weeks every month at Vanderbilt Medical Center receiving treatment; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her struggle, Terra never gave in to despair or indulged herself in complaints; instead she concerned herself with the well-being of her family and the other sick children around her; and

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WHEREAS, Terra Murrell's concern took concrete form through her participation in telethons and benefits for the St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and the Ronald McDonald House, among others; she insisted upon this participation regardless of her condition; and

WHEREAS, Terra became friends with a number of people in Nashville's music community, including Vince Gill and Amy Grant, who sang at her funeral in her hometown of Metropolis, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, In honor of the inspiration provided by Terra's strength and courage during her struggle, her friends in the music community have planned a benefit at the Wild Horse Saloon on August 21, 2001 to help her family with staggering medical expenses not covered by insurance; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this legislative body should honor the life of courage, blessing and inspiration of Terra Murrell; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That Tuesday, August 21, 2001 is hereby designated as Terra Murrell Day in Tennessee in memory of Terra's indomitable spirit and active concern for others in spite of her life threatening illness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we offer our condolences to the family of Terra Murrell.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.